(c) the steps Government have taken to tighten security at Indo-Pak borders?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) According to available information quantity of RDX recovered during August September and October is as under:

August, 1998	86 Kg.
September, 1998	87 Kg.
October, 1998	521 Kg.

(c) Government is alive to the situation and is taking all necessary steps to compat and frustrate the designs of ISI by sensiting and gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by concerned Central and State agencies. Close vigil is being kept by the security forces along the border/LUC and in the interior areas. Various arrangements have been made for this purpose including intensive patrolling, provision and use of surveillance equipments including night vision devices etc., deployment of forces in the vulnerable areas both on the LOC/ Border and in the hinterland, setting up of village Defence Committees in some of the sensitive regions near the border etc. The arrangements are being continuously reviewed and strengthened as found necessary.

Declaring Pakistan as a Terrorist State

380. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a particular section of the society of J&K has already been made target of Pakistan supported terrorist activities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that situation in J&K has not materially changed as the terrorists continue to get all help from Pakistan; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take get Pakistan declared as Terrorist State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) With a view to spread communal divide in J&K, people belonging to the minority community in the Valley, specifically Kashmiri Pandits, have been prime targets of Pak sponsored militants since the eruption of militancy in the State. Of late militants have started targetting innocent people mostly belonging to Hindu Community in Jammu region also.

(b) Due to sustained pressure and concerted actions of the Security Forces and the State administration, the number of incidents has decreased in the State and particularly in the Valley. There has been significant improvement in the situation and the life is moving towards normalcy. However, militants continue to get all kinds of help from Pak ISI to sustain the violence in J&K.

(c) Govt. has consistently brought to the attention of the international community, Pakistan's active involvement in the instigation and sponsorship of terrorism against India, particularly in J&K. Pakistan's role in such activities is widely acknowledged by international public opinion.

Laden in Kashmir

381. SHRI DHARAM PAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that international terrorist Osmabin-Laoen alongwith about 700 hired and trained terrorists have entered Kashmir with the purpose of propagating terrorism, as reported in all the newspapers of the country;

(b) the reasons for Government's failure to check infiltration from borders; and

(c) whether Government have taken any effective action to check the intiltration, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Government have seen media reports in this regard. There are however, no specific inputs to suggest the entry of Osma-Bin-Laden alongwith other trained militants into Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Due to the sustained efforts, strict vigilance and concerted actions of the Security Force success has been achieved in controlling infiltration from across the borders despite the difficult terrain and other constraints, which has resulted in killed of a good number of militants at the border in the current callender year.

(c) Yes Sir, the Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to tackle infiltration on the border which includes interalia strengthening the border management, gearing up intelligence machinery and improved interaction with the border population etc.

Harassing Muslims as ISI Suspects

382. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many ISI suspects have been arrested so far State-wise;

(b) how many of them are Indian citizens, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that police are harassing Muslims threatening to book them as ISI agents; and

(d) the stpes being taken by Government to prevent such misuse of powers by the police?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) 48 ISI suspects have been arrested in 1998 till 20.11.98. State-wise break-up of ISI suspects arrested is as under:—

Punjab	Delhi	Rajasthan	Gujarat
7	19	1	2
Haryana	Andhra		Pradesh
3		12	
Uttar Pradesh	Mumbai		
1	3		

(b) State-wise break-up of Indian citizens arrested is as under:—

Punjab	Delhi	Rajasthan	Gujarat
6	11	1	1
Haryana	Andhra	Pradesh	U.P.
3	6		1

In Jammu and Kashmir where the militancy is aided and abetted by Pak agencies including ISI, 1306 militants have been arrested so far in 1998.

(c) No such cases have come to the notice of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Militancy in J&K

383. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of encounters between militants and security forces in Jammu and Kashmir during the last six months;

(b) the details of casualties in these encounters;

(c) the details of quantity of arms and ammunition recovered from the militants; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to prevent infiltration of militants from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) As per available information there were 733 incidents of violence by the militants directed against the security forces personnel during the period from May 1998 to October 1998 in which 134 security forces personnel, 567 militants and 65 civilians have been killed in cross firing.

(c) 866 AK Series Rifles, 292 Pistols/ Revolvers, 32 UMGs, 2 LMGs, 15 Shiper Rifles, 3 SLRs, 3,303 Rifles, 14, 12 bore guns, 73 RPGs and 46 Rocket Launchers, alongwith large quantities of assorted arms ammunition, accessories etc. have been recovered from the militants during the period.